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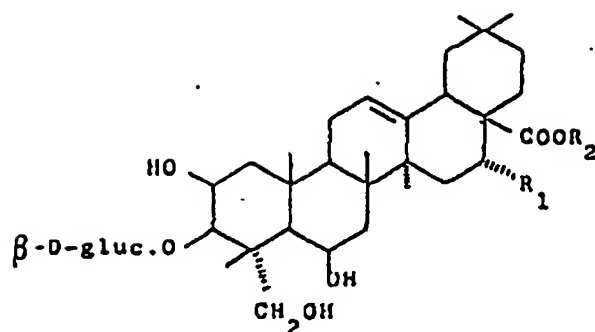
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I-20122 Milano(IT)(54) **Triterpene saponins having anti-inflammatory, mucolytic and antiedemic activities, process for the preparation thereof and pharmaceutical compositions containing them.**(57) **Triterpene saponins of formula****EP 0 251 197 A3**



wherein R_1 is H or OH and R_2 is a tetrasaccharide, or alternatively pentasaccharide, chain have antinflammatory, mucolytic and antiedemic activities. Saponins are isolated from roots and bark of *Crossopteryx febrifuga*, for instance by precipitating them, in form of a complex with cholesterol or sytosterol, from an alcoholic extract of the vegetal material and by partitioning the precipitate between an apolar solvent, which subtracts the complexing agent and a polar solvent in which saponins are soluble.



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